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Assignee:	Sun Microsystems, Inc.	
Title:	System for Optimizing Buffers in Integrated Circuit Design Timing Fixes	
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Austin, Texas
February 14, 2005

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated November 19, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring February 19, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

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Effective January 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS		<i>24</i>	
FOR		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS		<i>24</i> minus 20 =	* <i>4</i>
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		<i>3</i> minus 3 =	* <i>0</i>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			<input type="checkbox"/>

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

2-14-05 **CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	Minus		
	* <i>18</i>	Minus	** <i>24</i>	= <i>—</i>
Independent	* <i>6</i>	Minus	*** <i>3</i>	= <i>3</i>
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			<input type="checkbox"/>	

SMALL ENTITY
TYPE OR OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES	RATE	FEES
BASIC FEE	375.00	OR BASIC FEE	750.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	<i>72</i>
X42=		OR X84=	<i>0</i>
+140=		OR +280=	<i>0</i>
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	<i>822</i>

OTHER THAN
SMALL ENTITY OR SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	<i>55</i>	OR X\$18=	<i>100</i>
X42=	<i>210</i>	OR X84=	<i>600</i>
+140=	<i>280</i>	OR +280=	<i>0</i>
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	Minus		
	* <i>—</i>	Minus	** <i>—</i>	= <i>—</i>
Independent	* <i>—</i>	Minus	*** <i>—</i>	= <i>—</i>
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			<input type="checkbox"/>	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	Minus		
	* <i>—</i>	Minus	** <i>—</i>	= <i>—</i>
Independent	* <i>—</i>	Minus	*** <i>—</i>	= <i>—</i>
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			<input type="checkbox"/>	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=		X\$18=	
X42=		X84=	
+140=		+280=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.